

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant has elected to prosecute the following species:

- Loci; ras
- Types of samples; stool
- Types of assays; DNA integrity assay
- Diagnostic exams; colonoscopy
- Cancers; colorectal cancer

Applicant requests that upon the generic claim being found allowable, all of the claims drawn to species which require all the limitations of the generic claim be found allowable and rejoined (see MPEP § 806.04(d) and § 821.04).

Having made this election, Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

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CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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